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Microsoft continues a pattern of anticompetitive practices designed to thwart competition on the merits, to deprive customers of a choice between alternative technologies and products, and to exclude Microsoft's competitors from the general marketplace.

The initial suit concerned the monopolistic practice of Microsoft, to purposefully do whatever it took to make sure significant market participants distributed and used Microsoft's product instead of a competitors -- including paying some customers, and using its unique control over Windows to induce others to do so

Microsoft has made clear that, unless restrained, it will continue to misuse its operating system monopoly to artificially exclude competition and deprive customers of a free choice. As Paul Maritz, Microsoft's Group Vice President in charge of the Platforms Group, was quoted in the New York Times: "We are going to cut off their air supply. Everything they're selling, we're going to give away for free."

Since the release of the '95 OS version, through to the XP OS release, Microsoft's conduct has not changed. Where any competitor appears to threaten Microsoft, either through outright purchase, or by 'giving away' similar functionality artificially bundled with the OS, Microsoft strives to prevent market alternatives to Microsoft's products from gaining any foothold in the general marketplace. Microsoft's conduct regarding competitor products has been and, if not restrained, will continue to stifle competition, to extend and to maintain Microsoft's Windows operating system monopoly.